

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

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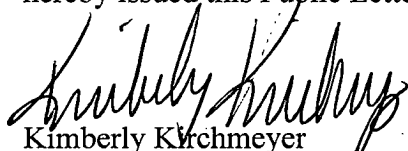
RE: Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G45899  
Case No. 800-2017-031898

**Public Letter of Reprimand**

On April 6, 2017, the Arizona Medical Board issued an Order for Letter of Reprimand; and Consent to the Same whereby you were reprimanded. The Arizona Medical Board found that you performed Mohs surgery, but you failed to obtain adequate samples and failed to completely remove tumors for three patients. This resulted in patient harm as all three patients had documented recurrences of skin cancers that required additional Mohs surgery and in some cases tissue loss, nerve damage and reconstruction.

These actions constitute a violation of California Business and Professions Code sections 141(a), 2234 and 2305.

Pursuant to the authority of the California Business and Professions Code section 2233, you are hereby issued this Public Letter of Reprimand by the Medical Board of California.

  
Kimberly Kirchmeyer  
Executive Director